the Ministries/Departments and Public Sector Undertakings except in case of events of national importance or on national occasions.

(b) to (d) The contents of Government Advertisements after obtaining approval of the competent authority of the concerned Ministries/ Departments are published through DAVP in the Newspapers/Periodicals from the approved panel and hence there is no possibility of the any violation of the Advertising Policy.

New FM Radio policy

702. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BORADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new FM Radio policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time-frame within which the policy would came into effect?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, TRAI's recommendations on licensing issues relating to 2nd Phase of Private FM Radio Broadcasting is currently under examination. New policy framework is being finalized.

(c) No time frame can be indicated.

Policy for FM radio stations

703. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a policy to allow private operators to set up FM radio stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the authority to whom private applicants for FM radio stations should apply;

(d) the number of applications received so far during the last three months; and

(e) the criteria adopted to issue such permits for FM radio stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) The Government entered into License Agreement with private companies to set up FM radio stations in various cities in October, 2000 through a Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) issued in October, 1999. In all, 16 Companies signed License Agreements for setting up 37 FM radio stations in 19 cities. Out of these, 21 FM radio stations

of 8 companies are currently operational in 12 cities. The Government has not invited applications from private parties after 2000. On the basis of experience of the last four years, Government is in the process of formulating a revised poliicy.

New Policy for FM Radio and DTH

704. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to promote greater investment, Government have decided to formulate new policies for "F.M. Radio" and "DTH" (Direct to Home);

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately;

(c) by when a draft legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament in this regard; and

(d) what is Government's reaction to the demand of DTH players currently aspiring for an Internet Sdrvice Provider?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The changes in the existing policy with regard to private FM radio is being finalised. There is no proposal to review the DTH guidelines notified in the year 2001.

(d) Under the licence conditions, the DTH facility shall not be used for other modes of communication including voice, fax, data, communication, internet etc., unless a specific licence for these value-added services has been obtained from the competent authority.

Annual revenue through advertisements

705. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual revenue earned by his Ministry through advertisements during the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) whether there are any guidelines/norms for advertisements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures Government are taking or propose to fake to make India a global hub for advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The annual revenue earned by All India Radio,